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14 August 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

THROUGH : Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT : Installation of Air Conditioning

1. This memorandum is for information only and particular reference is made to Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Chief, SR Division, dated 24 July 1956, requesting the concurrence of this office in the installation of air conditioning at the site of the [REDACTED]

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2. As mentioned in referenced memorandum, this office did, at the time the site was [REDACTED], indicate that the site was susceptible to penetration because of the large number of windows on each floor. Upon conclusion of the survey, a recommendation was made that window screens be installed. Since that time, it is understood that opaque, shatter-proof windows have been installed at the site.

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3. Upon receipt of referenced memorandum, a [REDACTED] was conducted at the premises in question for the specific purpose of determining the extent to which air conditioning would improve the security of the site. While the installation of air conditioning would undoubtedly improve the security of the site, the results of the [REDACTED] disclosed that other steps could be taken which would afford equally adequate security protection.

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4. This office does not object to the installation of air conditioning [REDACTED]. However, it is not felt that security reasons can be stated as the sole justification for the installation of such equipment.

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Sheffield Edwards
Director of Security

Attachment:
Memorandum dated 24 July 1956

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